

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT
SPECIAL MEETING
FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2014
5:30P.M.**

1. OPENING

1.1.1 Call to Order

Councilmember Higgs called the meeting to order at 5:54p.m.

1.1.2 Roll Call

Present: Mayor Eugene Grant (Absent), Councilmember Johnie Higgs, Sr., Councilmember Eugene Kennedy, Councilmember Kelly Porter, Councilmember Gerald R. Raynor, Sr., Councilmember Elenora Simms, Councilmember Aretha Stephenson, Councilmember Reveral Yeargin (Absent)

2. PRESENTATIONS:

- None

3. MEETING TOPICS:

3.1.1. Request Estimate on Feggans Center Demolition

- Councilwoman Simms stated that she wanted to discuss the Council giving the City Administrator permission to seek proposals or get an estimate on demolition of Feggans Center.
- Councilmember Porter asked what was the Council intentions with the site.
- Ms. Gatling stated that the holes in the roof are allowing rain and debris to get into the building. She said the Public Works Department had to put traps around the building for the rodents and they stated they could smell the mold in the air.
- Councilmember Stephenson read page 7 of the Trusant Technologies report, which stated that the building cleaning and demolition could be \$250,000. She wanted to know if we could get a grant to cover the cost of the demolition.
- Councilmember Porter stated that he thought the Council had approved for the building to be demolished.
- Councilmember Simms stated that the Council needs to give the City Administrator the orders to have the building demolished.
- Ms. Gatling stated that the grant season has passed any submission for grants will not be funded until next year.

- It was motioned by Councilmember Simms and seconded by Councilmember Stephenson to approve the City Administrator to get estimates on demolition of the Feggans Center and identify the funding source. The motion carried.
- FOR: Higgs, Porter, Raynor, Simms and Stephenson
- AGAINST: Kennedy
- ABSTAIN: None
- Councilmember Porter stated that the record should be clear on the Council actions.

3.1.2. Gaskins Property Appraisal Request

- Ms. Gatling stated that she spoke with the City Attorney and he feels the City is in a good position to negotiate the price.
- Ms. Gatling stated that she informed the City Attorney on the request for appraisal and property inspection.
- Councilmember Higgs inquired on the price of the initial contract offer.
- Councilmember Porter stated that the offer price was \$440,000
- Councilmember Higgs stated that he feels the appraisal may reveal that the building needs repair.
- Councilmember Porter stated that he thought an appraisal was ordered for the building. However, we need to ask Mr. Ashton and Mayor Grant if an appraisal was done.
- Councilmember Porter asked the City Council if they wanted to make an offer on the property.
- Ms. Gatling stated that the information provided to her on the initial purchase did not include an appraisal. She informed the Council the grant monies are still available to go towards the purchase cost.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Porter and seconded by Councilmember Simms to inquire on the asking price of the Gaskin property and to purchase the property at \$300,000 or less. If the asking price is more, please notify the Council. The motion carried.
- FOR: Higgs, Kennedy, Porter, Raynor, Simms and Stephenson
- AGAINST: None
- ABSTAIN: None

4. LEGISLATION

4.1.1. None

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1.1. None

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

6.1.1. Ward V Meeting, Thursday, January 23, 2014, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 5:30p.m.

6.1.2. Ward II Community Meeting, Thursday, January 23, 2014, Pleasant Homes Community Center, 6810 Greig St., Seat Pleasant, MD from 6:00pm-8:00pm

6.1.3. Black History Month Activity, Raisin Cane: A Harlem Renaissance Odyssey, Starring Jasmine Guy, Friday, February 7, 2014, MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND!! Seats are limited, bus will leave City Hall at 9:30a.m.

6.1.3. Black History Month Activity, Black Wax Museum. Friday, February 14, 2014, MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND!!! Seats are limited, bus will leave City Hall at 8:30a.m.

6.1.5. Black History Month Activity, Movie Night, Friday, February 21, 2014, Seat Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department, 6305 Addison Rd., Seat Pleasant, MD 20743 "FREE" and Open to the Public at 7:00p.m., Showing the Movie "42"

6.1.6. Black History Month Activity, Movie Night, Friday, February 28, 2014, Seat Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department, 6305 Addison Rd., Seat Pleasant, MD 20743 "FREE" and Open to the Public at 7:00p.m., Showing the Movie "The Great Debaters"

ADJOURN- The meeting was adjourned at 6:39p.m.

Submitted by,


Dashaun N. Lanham
City Clerk